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Dr. Allyson Brooks
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Washington Department of Community,
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Dear Dr. Brooks:

TRANSMITTAL OF THREE CULTURAL RESOURCE REVIEWS: IMMOBILIZED LOW-ACTIVITY WASTE (ILAW) DISPOSAL FACILITY (HCRC #2002-200-050), MELTER TRENCH (HCRC #2002-200-051), GROUNDWATER WELL INSTALLATION (HCRC #2002-200-054)

Enclosed are three cultural resource reviews completed by the Hanford Cultural Resources Laboratory (HCRL) for the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office for the subject projects located on the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington. The results of the records and literature review conducted by HCRL staff are described in the attached cultural resource reviews. The results indicate that the proposed undertaking will have no effect upon historic properties. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2 (4), we are providing documentation to support these findings and to involve your office as a consulting party in the NHPA Section 106 Review process.

If you have any questions, please contact Annabelle L. Rodriguez, of my staff, on (509) 372-0277.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel Hebdon".

Joel Hebdon, Director
Regulatory Compliance and Analysis Division

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Enclosures

cc w/o encls:
E. L. Prendergast, PNNL



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August 13, 2002

Mr. Joel Hebdon
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Log No: 081202-14-DOE
Re: Immobilized Low Activity Waste Disposal & Others
HCRC # 2002-200-050/2002-200-051/2002-200-054

Dear Mr. Hebdon;

Thank you for providing a copy of the cultural resources survey assessment by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory for the proposed Immobilized Low Activity Waste Disposal Facility, the proposed Melter Trench and the proposed Groundwater well Installation at the Hanford site.

We concur with their professional recommendations and your finding of no historic properties effected. We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on the behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36CFR800. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

In the event that archaeological or historic materials are discovered during project activities, work in the immediate vicinity should be discontinued, the area secured, and this office notified. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and a copy of these comments should be included in subsequent environmental documents.

Sincerely,

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RL-665 (10/00)		REQUEST FOR CULTURAL AND/OR ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES REVIEW FOR THE HANFORD SITE		Review Tracking Number 2002-200-050	
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Date Sent: 6/28/02			Date Findings Requested By: 7/12/02		
Primary Contact: Ted Wooley E-mail: Theodore_A_Wooley@rl.gov Telephone: 372-1617			Company/Organization: CH2M Hill Hanford Group Fax: 509-376-0175 MSIN: R1-51		
Secondary Contact: Derek Ballinger Telephone: 373-3469			Company/Organization: CH2M Hill Hanford Group Fax: 509-376-0175 MSIN: R1-51		
Project Name: ILAW Disposal Facility Project Number/COA: RL Project Manager:					
REQUESTOR SHOULD SUBMIT A COPY OF THIS REQUEST TO THE RL PROJECT MANAGER UNDER WHOM THEIR PROJECT FALLS WITHIN 5 DAYS.					
Project Description, including Time Period over which proposed action will occur: It has been proposed that immobilized low-activity waste (ILAW) be disposed of in six lined trenches southeast of the PUREX facility in the 200E Area. Each trench will contain three layers of stainless steel ILAW containers separated by 1 m of soil for a total volume of 25 hectare-meters of retrievable disposed waste. The facility is still in the conceptual and design stages but is expected to begin operating in early 2008.					
Project Dimensions: Each trench will be approximately 80 m wide, 260 m long, and 10 m deep.					
Depth of Excavation(s): 10 m					
Project Location: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 200 East Area <input type="checkbox"/> 200 West Area <input type="checkbox"/> 300 Area <input type="checkbox"/> 400 Area <input type="checkbox"/> 600 Area <input type="checkbox"/> 700 Area <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
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Please also provide the following: 1. Overview map showing project location (or other suitable map to assist in finding the project site) 2. Map or scale drawing showing all excavation areas (including water, sewer, and power lines, etc.), parking, topsoil storage areas, equipment staging areas, access roads, and utility corridors.					
Submitted By: Derek Ballinger			Telephone: 373-3469		

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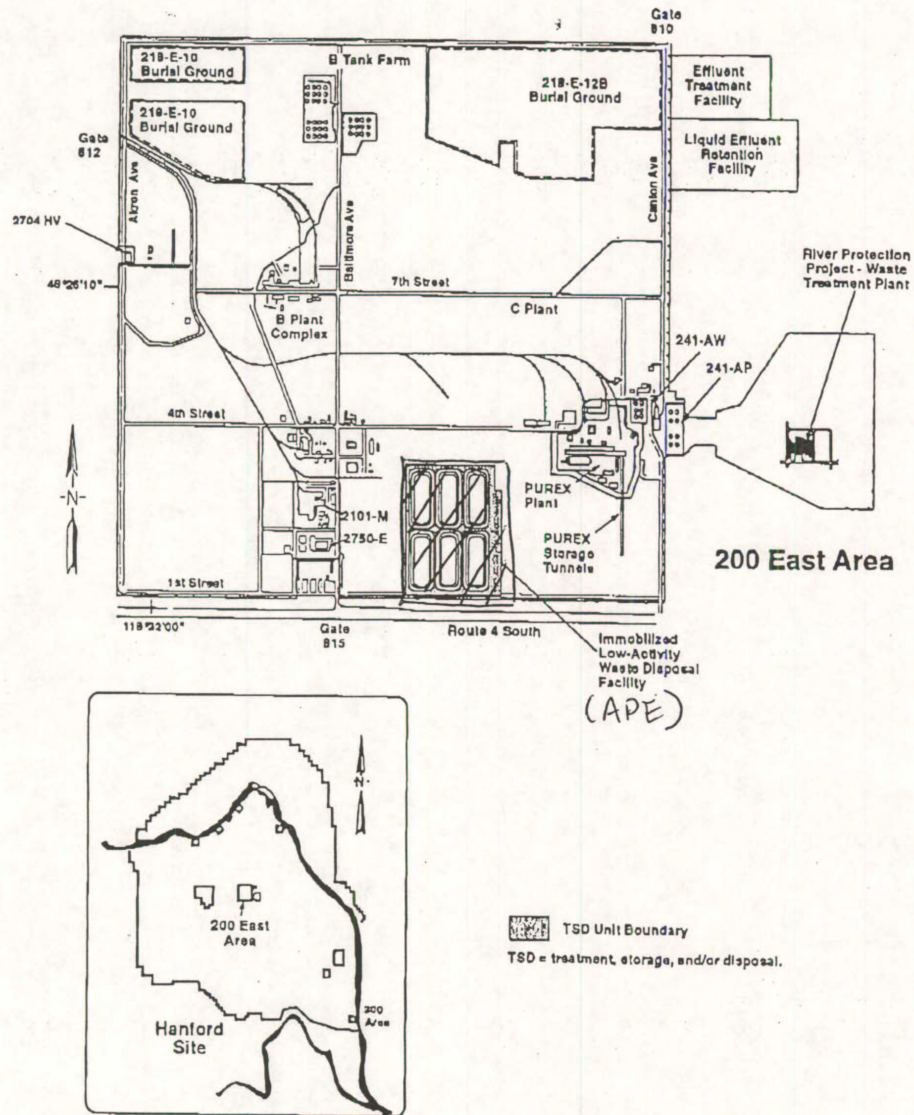
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Figure 2-1. Immobilized Low-Activity Waste Disposal Facility Site Plan.

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July 9, 2002

Ms. Annabelle Rodriguez
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Log No.: 070902-10-DOE
Re: ILAW Disposal Facility
HCRC # 2002-200-050

Dear Ms. Rodriguez;

We have reviewed the materials forwarded to our office for the above referenced project concerning the proposed Immobilized low-activity waste (ILAW) to be disposed of in six lined trenches in the 200 East Area of the Hanford Site. We concur with your determination of the Area of Potential Effect as illustrated in the attached figure. We look forward to receiving the results of your review and on-site surveys.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in compliance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.4. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised, including information regarding historic properties that have not yet been identified. We would also appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and we look forward to receiving the reports on the results of your investigations.

Sincerely,

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*No Affect to Historic Properties
30-Day SHPO Review Required*

Ted Wooley
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Subject: Cultural Resources Review of Immobilized Low-Activity Waste (ILAW) Disposal Facility
(HCRC #2002-200-050)

Dear Mr. Wooley,

In response to your request received July 8, 2002, staff of the Hanford Cultural Resources Laboratory (HCRL) conducted a cultural resources review of the subject project. It has been proposed that Immobilized Low-Activity Waste (ILAW) be disposed of in six lined trenches southwest of the PUREX facility in the 200 East Area of the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington. Each trench will contain three layers of stainless steel ILAW containers separated by 1 m of soil for a total volume of 25 hectare-meters of retrievable disposed waste. The ILAW facility is still in the conceptual and design stages but is expected to begin operation in early 2008. Each trench will be approximately 80 m wide, 260 m long, and 10 m deep.

Notifications and Public Involvement

On July 9, 2002:

- Per 36 CFR 800, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Tribes were notified of this cultural resources review request and the Area of Potential Effect (APE). The APE is defined as the project area delineated in the attached map.
- Per 34 Stat. 225, 16 U.S.C. 431, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) were notified of this request for cultural resource review.

Results of the Identification of Historic Properties Survey (Literature and Records Review)

A preliminary records and literature review revealed that the project area was surveyed in the past by HCRC #88-200-028 and two historic isolates were recorded in the vicinity of the project area (HI-88-024 and HI-88-025). In 1994, the project area was surveyed as one of the alternative locations (Area B) for the proposed Tank Waste Remediation Systems Complex (TWRS) by HCRC #94-600-060 and no cultural resources were located. An additional cultural resource review was conducted in 1998 (HCRC #98-200-033) for the ILAW complex for grubbing of the existing surface up to two feet for access roads, creation of three well pads and installation of 3 wells. Cultural resource clearance was given for this project on the basis of previous surveys

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(HCRC #88-200-028 and 94-600-060). An examination of aerial photographs taken in 1987 showed that much of the project area is undisturbed. As few cultural resources have been located within the APE and the vicinity of the APE, this indicates that the project is located in an area of low archaeological sensitivity and the potential for the presence of subsurface archaeological resources is low.

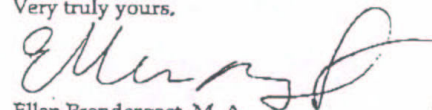
Findings and Actions Required

It is the finding of HCRL that this project will not affect historic properties, as no cultural resources are known to be located within the APE.

RL's Hanford Cultural Resources Program will submit official documentation to the SHPO, Tribes and interested parties of our findings. Pursuant to 36CFR Section 800 affording SHPO, ACHP, and tribes 30 days to comment, these parties have 30 days to respond in receipt of this letter. No project activities can begin until the SHPO has concurred with our findings stated above.

The workers must be directed to watch for cultural materials (e.g., historic artifacts) during all work activities. If any are encountered, work in the vicinity of the discovery must stop until an HCRL historian has been notified to assess the significance of the find, and, if necessary, arrange for mitigation of the impacts to the find. HCRL must be notified if any changes to project location or scope are anticipated. This project is a Class 5 case involving construction in an undisturbed area. If you have any questions, please call me at 376-4626. Please use the HCRC# above for any future correspondence concerning this project.

Very truly yours,


Ellen Prendergast, M. A.
Research Scientist/Anthropologist
Cultural Resources Project

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D. C. Stapp, Project Manager
Cultural Resources Project

Review and Concurrence: 
A. L. Rodriguez
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Secondary Contact: Derek Ballinger Telephone: 373-3469			Company/Organization: CH2M Hill Hanford Group Fax: 509-376-0175 MSIN: R1-51		
Project Name: Melter Trench Project Number/COA: RL Project Manager:					
REQUESTOR SHOULD SUBMIT A COPY OF THIS REQUEST TO THE RL PROJECT MANAGER UNDER WHOM THEIR PROJECT FALLS WITHIN 5 DAYS.					
Project Description, including Time Period over which proposed action will occur: The vitrification plant currently under construction in the Hanford area will use melters that liquify the waste and glass material. It has been proposed that these melters be disposed of after their estimated five-year lifespans into a specially designed trench. This trench will accomodate an estimated volume of 6,825 cubic meters of failed melters and must be operational before 2008.					
Project Dimensions: The melter trench will have a length of 270 m, a width of 120 m, and a depth of 21 m.					
Depth of Excavation(s): 21 m					
Project Location: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 200 East Area <input type="checkbox"/> 200 West Area <input type="checkbox"/> 300 Area <input type="checkbox"/> 400 Area <input type="checkbox"/> 600 Area <input type="checkbox"/> 700 Area <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
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4.1.1 Alternative Description

The following describes each disposal site alternative. Figure 4-3 presents the general location of disposal site alternatives, excluding the multiuse burial trench site (Alternative 1C). As discussed in the Alternative 1C description, the multiuse burial trench program is at such an early stage of development that a site has not been selected.

Figure 4-3. Potential Failed Melter Disposal Sites.

